

In the United States Court of Federal Claims

OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS

No. 19-1787V

UNPUBLISHED

JULIE SCHOTTLER,

Petitioner,

v.

SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND
HUMAN SERVICES,

Respondent.

Chief Special Master Corcoran

Filed: June 22, 2021

Special Processing Unit (SPU); Joint
Stipulation on Damages; Influenza
(Flu) Vaccine; Brachial Neuritis/
Plexitis/ Shoulder Injury Related to
Vaccine Administration (SIRVA)

David John Carney, Green & Schafle LLC, Philadelphia, PA, for petitioner.

James Vincent Lopez, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC, for respondent.

DECISION ON JOINT STIPULATION¹

On November 21, 2019, Julie Schottler filed a petition for compensation under the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program, 42 U.S.C. §300aa-10, *et seq.*² (the “Vaccine Act”). Petitioner alleges that she suffered a shoulder injury related to vaccine administration (SIRVA) and/or brachial neuritis/plexitis as a result of the influenza (flu) vaccination she received on November 23, 2016. Petition at 1; Stipulation, filed at June 22, 2021, ¶¶ 1, 4. Petitioner further alleges the vaccination was administered in the United States, she experienced the residual effects of this condition for more than six months, and that there has been no prior award or settlement of a civil action for damages on her behalf as a result of her condition. Petition at 5-6; Stipulation at ¶¶ 3-5. “Respondent denies that [P]etitioner sustained a Table SIRVA injury, and further denies that the flu vaccine caused [P]etitioner’s alleged brachial neuritis/plexitis, or any other injury or condition, or her current condition.” Stipulation at ¶ 6.

¹ Because this unpublished decision contains a reasoned explanation for the action in this case, I am required to post it on the United States Court of Federal Claims’ website in accordance with the E-Government Act of 2002. 44 U.S.C. § 3501 note (2012) (Federal Management and Promotion of Electronic Government Services). **This means the decision will be available to anyone with access to the internet.** In accordance with Vaccine Rule 18(b), Petitioner has 14 days to identify and move to redact medical or other information, the disclosure of which would constitute an unwarranted invasion of privacy. If, upon review, I agree that the identified material fits within this definition, I will redact such material from public access.

² National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986, Pub. L. No. 99-660, 100 Stat. 3755. Hereinafter, for ease of citation, all “§” references to the Vaccine Act will be to the pertinent subparagraph of 42 U.S.C. § 300aa (2012).

Nevertheless, on June 22, 2021, the parties filed the attached joint stipulation, stating that a decision should be entered awarding compensation. I find the stipulation reasonable and adopt it as my decision awarding damages, on the terms set forth therein.

Pursuant to the terms stated in the attached Stipulation, **I award** the following compensation:

A lump sum of \$80,000.00 in the form of a check payable to Petitioner. Stipulation at ¶ 8. This amount represents compensation for all items of damages that would be available under Section 15(a). *Id.*

I approve the requested amount for Petitioner's compensation. In the absence of a motion for review filed pursuant to RCFC Appendix B, the clerk of the court is directed to enter judgment in accordance with this decision.³

IT IS SO ORDERED.

s/Brian H. Corcoran
Brian H. Corcoran
Chief Special Master

³ Pursuant to Vaccine Rule 11(a), entry of judgment can be expedited by the parties' joint filing of notice renouncing the right to seek review.

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STIPULATION

The parties hereby stipulate to the following matters:

1. Julie Schottler, petitioner, filed a petition for vaccine compensation under the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program, 42 U.S.C. §§ 300aa-10 to -34 (the "Vaccine Program"). The petition seeks compensation for injuries allegedly related to petitioner's receipt of an influenza ("flu") vaccine, which is a vaccine contained in the Vaccine Injury Table (the "Table"), 42 C.F.R. § 100.3 (a).
2. Petitioner received the flu vaccine on November 23, 2016.
3. The vaccination was administered within the United States.
4. Petitioner alleges that she suffered from a shoulder injury related to vaccine administration ("SIRVA") and/or brachial neuritis/plexitis, caused by receiving a flu vaccine, and that she experienced the residual effects of this condition for more than six months.
5. Petitioner represents that there has been no prior award or settlement of a civil action for damages on her behalf as a result of her condition.
6. Respondent denies that petitioner sustained a Table SIRVA injury, and further denies

